GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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STUDY ON PENINSULAR WATER GRID
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study conducted on the viability of Peninsular Water Grid has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have consulted the State Government concerned in the matter; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) In 1980, the Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for integrated water resources development through inter-linkages of several southern based Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers. Through this programme it is intended to assess the surplus basins as of now for possible transfer of water from surplus to deficit basins in order to optimally utilize the water resources of the country. With this purpose the Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryoutwater balance and feasibility studies of the Peninsular and Himalayan rivers. Union Minister of Water Resources heads the Societyand Chief Ministers/Irrigation Ministers of the States are its Members. There is also a Governing Body under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Water Resources) and a Technical Advisory Committee underthe Chairmanship of Chairman, CentralWater Commission, where also State Governments are represented. These bodies meet regularly to review progress made in the National Perspective Plan andto decide the further course of action. NWDA has identified 16 links under Peninsular rivers component of National Perspective Plarfor preparation of Feasibility Report through prefeasibility studies and has completed Feasibility Report of 6 links.